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make some arrangements either to destroy these animals, or in any other way to keep them out of the planters' estates. It would be some help if elephant pits could be ordered to be dug at the places affected. Some inducement might also be held out to planters by Government to destroy the animals, which were of no use to the Forest department.

*Dewan's reply*.—I would advise the Member to see the Conservator on the subject, and I am sure that Mr. Rama Rao will do what he can, consistently with the interests of the Forest department.

The Assembly adjourned at 2 P. M. and met again at 2-30 P. M.

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## *IV.—Public Works.*

***Desirability of consulting the Revenue department in the matter of irrigation works.***

*Mr. N. Velayudhaperumal Pillai* (Member, Agastiswaram Taluk) said that the Revenue authorities had a better knowledge of the requirements of the ryots in matters connected with irrigation and the ryots also had greater convenience in representing their grievances to them than to the officers of the Public Works department. He therefore requested that arrangements might be made for all applications for irrigation works made by ryots to the Revenue authorities being forwarded by the latter, with their remarks as to the real needs in each case, to the Public Works department for disposal and for the annual irrigation maramat budgets being prepared in consultation with the Division Peishkars.

*Dewan's reply*.—The views of the Member are noted.

***Allotment of funds for affording irrigational facilities.***

*Mr. G. Sankaranarayana Iyer* (Member, Shencottah Taluk) referred to the difficulties which the ryots were now labouring under in the matter of agriculture and made the following suggestions for removing them :—

(1) Funds should be equitably distributed for the successful working of the Tank Restoration Scheme, according to the requirements of each puravu, and all wet lands brought under the direct irrigation of tanks, with unfailing sources of water supply thereto. The Member said that the necessary restoration works should be done solely at the cost of Government, irrespective of the class of tanks, major, minor or petty, and that no additional cess should be levied from the ryots.

(2) The Irrigation Regulation should be modified in such a way that the ryots might be made to bear a share

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